SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Sir, the style of diplomacy of this Government is non-spectacular. We work in depth and we work silently.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 408. Dr. Thulasi Reddy.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Sir, I can presume that he has put the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 408. Dr. Thulasi Reddy. Question No. 409.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Sir.... *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No. Now he cannot put it. I called him twice. I have now called Question No. 409. Question No. 409.

*408. [*For answer*, vide *col.* 33-34 infra].

Effect of cyclone devastation on sound and light performance at Vijayawada

*409. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent cyclone devastation in coastal Andhra, the Song and Drama Division conducting sound and light performance at Vijayawada was badly affected; if so, what was the extent of damage ; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to recoup the damage ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The extent of damage in terms of money was around Rs. 75,000/-.

(b) The damaged material and equipments are being replaced/repaired.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Sir, I would like to know when the programmes are going to be regularly shown after restoration ?

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Sometime in December/January when the weather clears.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : We will be having rain during that period. Can you ensure that those programmes are shown afterwards ?

SHRI P. UPENDRA : It is already decided to telecast in December and January.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

दिल्ली पुलिस का कार्यकरण

***404. श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 2 जनवरी, 1990 के "हिन्दू" में "पैनल हिट्स आउट एट पुलिस फंक्शनिंग" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त समिति ने दिल्ली के वर्तमान पुलिस ढांचे में विद्यमान खामियों की ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस दिशा में कोई सुधारात्मक कदम उठाए हैं;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री मुफ्ती मोहम्मद सईद): (क) और (ख) जी हां, श्रीमान।

(ग) से (ङ) दिल्ली पुलिस की कार्य प्रणाली में सुधार करने के लिए पहले ही कई कदम उठाए गए हैं। समिति की सिफारिशों की जांच पूरी हो जाने के बाद आगे उठाए जाने वाले कदमों पर विचार किया जायेगा।

Elections in Punjab

*406. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement made by a Union Minister to the effect that elections in Punjab would be held before November 10, 1990 which had appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 14th May, 1990 ; and

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present term of President's Rule in Punjab is due to expire on 10th November, 1990. The decision regarding holding of elections to the Punjab State Legislative Assembly will be taken at the appropriate time.

Part-time correspondents in AIR

*408. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of part-time Correspondents of A.I.R. in the country ;

(b) what are the monthly wages paid to them;

(c) whether there is any proposal to regularise their posts;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) There are 232 sanctioned posts of Part-time Correspondents in All India Radio.

(b) Part-time Correspondents are paid a consolidated monthly fee of Rs. 250/- per month. Besides the monthly fee, the Part-time Correspondents are given Press Bearing Authority and Reverse-Charge Trunk Call Authority to enable them to send News and other News-based material to the Regional News Units. The charges for telegram and telephone calls etc. are, thus, borne by AIR.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal to regularise the services of Part-time Correspondents. The Part-time Correspondents are generally regular employees of other Newspapers/ News Agencies or are engaged in other vocations. They are engaged for specific purpose of sending news or and other news based material to the Regional News Unit whenever there is a news fall out. Thus, AIR's expectations from its Part-time Correspondents are quite limited.

Battery-operated buses

*410. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether the BHEL-designed